

**PAY AS YOU THROW WORKING GROUP
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020
4:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
11 TOWN HOUSE ROAD**

Members are: Laurie Bent, Chair, Elisabeth DiPietro, David Ayer, Philip Saunders, Thomas Darling. Leon Gaumond, and Thomas Cullen (Ex. Officio)

1. Approve Minutes. Select scribe.

2. Vote on whether to proceed with some version of PAYT.

a. Are we persuaded that PAYT will :

i. Create incentives to reduce solid waste; and

ii. Work in Weston?

b. Background Info

i. Historical Data from towns adopting PAYT (for 15 towns, unweighted avg 24% drop in tons/HH compared to unweighted avg of 3 yrs prior to PAYT; 12.36 total avg tons/HH to 9.42 total avg tons/HH in 15 towns. Avg tons/HH went from .91 tons/HH to .63 tons/HH. Weston avg for prior 3 years is at .91 tons/HH. The statistics may be crude but the direction of change is clear.)

ii. Geographical Muni Data/LAB table (selecting 24 high-performing towns)

iii. Carolyn Dann (PAYT facilitator) Survey Results from 2016 Pilot program.

iv. Board of Selectmen minutes for June 15, 2016 and June 28, 2016 regarding PAYT. The Board of Selectmen decided not to continue with PAYT, awaiting further data on efficacy of PAYT.

3. If we proceed with PAYT, what PAYT Program is best for Weston

a. Options:

i. Per bag, by weight, other?

ii. Payment system: unit-based, hybrid, flat fee for basic level

iii. Payment mechanics (purchase bags, weight system, credit/debit)

b. Factors to consider

- i. Do not want to drive households away from the Transfer Station
- ii. Convenience for users
- iii. Economic hardship, other fairness issues

4. What is the timetable for addressing changes to Weston's Solid Waste

a. Timetable for PAYT Committee deliberations

b. Timetable to rollout changes in treatment of Solid Waste

- i. Start with changes that are either non-controversial or simple to implement, eg, bulky waste
- ii. Food composting
- iii. Refine recycling options. Any easy additions to recycling/sorting?
- iv. Introduce PAYT, with long advance warning.

5. Other issues for future discussion

- a. Swap shed
- b. Private hauler regulations on recycling
- c. Illegal dumping

6. Status Report by PAYT Committee to Select Board

7. Set next meeting date